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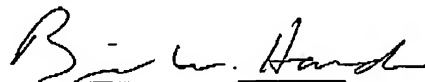
In the Office Action, dated October 25, 2004, the Examiner states that Claims 1-20 are pending, Claims 11, 12 and 15-20 are rejected, Claims 13 and 14 are objected to and Claims 1-10 are allowed. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 11, 12 and 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the prior art. Claims 13 and 14 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 1-10 are allowed.

The Applicant has amended independent Claim 11 to include several features. The Applicant considers that the prior art does not disclose these added features. Therefore, the Applicant considers the rejection to Claim 11 and the claims dependent thereon overcome.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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